

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an office action dated 3/16/04, the Examiner has (i) rejected claims 1-25 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite; (ii) rejected claims 1-3, 11, 12, 17 and 21 over Rajagopalan (US 6,274,058); and (iii) indicated that claims 4, 7-10, 13-16, 18-20 and 22-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112 and to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

In view of Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, applicant has amended claims 4, 7-10, 13-16, 18-20 and 22-25 to remove the element reciting "conductance" which the Examiner rejected as being indefinite under 35 USC 112 and to make these claims either independent or dependent from a claim that the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

The other claims (1-3, 5-6, 11, 12, 17 and 21) have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims and other claims in a continuation or other related application.

CONCLUSION

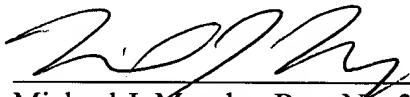
For the reasons set forth above, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application or response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the number set forth below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 14912.817).

Respectfully submitted,

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